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REMARKS

The subject application is a U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/004893. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to remove multi-dependencies therein, new dependent claims 5-7 (corresponding to either claim 3 or claim 4) have been added, and claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are pending, with claim 1 being the sole claim in independent form. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the application at, for example, page 5, lines 13-19, and page 14, line 16 through page 15, line 1.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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